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1. DURING CALL ON JAAKKO BLOMBERG, HEAD BILATERAL RELATIONS SECTION, POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, MFA, JUNE 17 DCM STATED US POSITION ON NNWFZ AS SET FORTH REF (A). BLOMBERG CHOSEN FOR INITIAL EMB PRESENTATION SINCE HE AUTHOR ARTICLE IN SPECIAL ULKOPOLITIIKKA EDITION ON NNWFZ IN WHICH STATEMENT MADE THAT US HAD NEVER EXPRESSED SPECIFIC VIEWS ON NNWFZ.

2. BLOMBERG SOUGHT TO PLACE HIS STATEMENT ABOUT US NEVER HAVING EXPRESSED VIEWS ON NNWFZ IN CONTEXT OF PODGORNY STATEMENT DURING VISIT TO FINLAND NOV 74
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AND IN CONTEXT OF SYMINGTON ARTICLE WHICH SUBMITTED

TO ULKOPOLITIIKKA. BLOMBERG ATTENDED AT LEAST SOME SESSIONS OF GENEVA NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE AND SAID THAT HE WELL AWARE FROM THAT CONFERENCE OF US GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING NFZ'S.

3. DCM RECALLED THAT AMBASSADOR KREHBIEL, WHEN MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN IN DECEMBER 1974 (REF B), HAD TOUCHED ON US VIEWS IN GENERAL ON BASIS GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON. DCM ADDED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LATEST GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON ON NNWFZ HE COULD SAY US EXPERTS FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO ENVISION ANY WAY TO ESTABLISH NNWFZ -- OR INDEED NFZ'S ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN -- WHICH WOULD NOT DISTURB EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

4. DCM SAID HE UNCERTAIN WHETHER BLOMBERG COMMENT ON LACK OF US COMMENT RE NNWFZ INDICATED GOF UNAWARE OF US VIEWS OR INDIRECTLY ASKING US MAKE THESE PUBLIC. BLOMBERG SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION ON NNWFZ AND HIS ARTICLE NOT INTENDED ELICIT A PUBLIC REPLY.

5. DCM NOTED THAT BLOMBERG WAS THE ONLY FINNISH AUTHOR OF ARTICLES IN THE ULKOPOLITIIKKA SPECIAL EDITION TO USE THE TERM NORDIC NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE AS OPPOSED TO NORDIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE, AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN THE VARYING TERMINOLOGY. BLOMBERG SAID THAT THE TERM INVARIABLY USED IN FINNISH TRANSLATED LITERALLY INTO NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE. HE WAS CONFIDENT ALL FINNISH AUTHORS HAD THE SAME CONCEPT IN MIND EVEN IF THE ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF THEIR ARTICLES HAD DIFFERENT ENGLISH TERMS. HE NOTED FURTHER THAT ALL NORDIC STATES AS SIGNATORIES TO THE NPT HAD RENOUNCED ANY DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES. HE CONFESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HIMSELF HAD FIRST BECOME AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE QUESTION OF INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES AFTER THE INDIAN EXPERIMENT AND AFTER HEARING THE QUESTION DISCUSSED AT THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. HE FELT THIS QUESTION CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED MORE SERIOUSLY BY FINNS.

6. COMMENT: EMB BELIEVES MFA OFFICIALS WILL HENCEFORTH AVOID SAYING PUBLICLY THAT THE US HAS NEVER EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS ON NNWFZ SPECIFICALLY. WE WILL, HOWEVER, JUDICIOUSLY USE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO REINFORCE MESSAGE GIVEN BLOMBERG. AUSTAD

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